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1 Overview

Language family:	Indo-European (Romance)
Countries:	Italy
Number of speakers:	4.7 million
Agreement features:	number, person
Attested word orders:	SV
Coordination types:	and, or

(The data were entered by a native speaker via an online survey.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with “and”

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (1) il ragazzo e l-uomo corrono
the.SG boy.SG and the.SG-man.SG run.3PL
‘The boy and the man run.’
- (2) a. i ragazzi e l-uomo corrono.
the.PL boy.PL and the.SG-man.SG run.3PL
‘The boys and the man run.’
b. il ragazzo e gli uomini corrono.
the.SG boy.SG and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
‘The boy and the men run.’
- (3) i ragazzi e gli uomini corrono.
the.PL boy.PL and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
‘The boys and the men run.’

2.2 Coordination with “or”

2.2.1 VS order

Pattern: With two singular conjuncts, the verb is singular. If the two conjuncts mismatch in number, number is resolved to plural.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	sg	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (4) O corre il ragazzo o l'uomo
or run.3SG the.SG.MASC boy.SG or the.SG-man.SG
‘The boy or the man run.’
- (5) O corrono i ragazzi o l'uomo
or run.3PL the.PL.MASC boy.PL or man.SG
‘The boys or the man run.’
- (6) O corrono i ragazzi o gli uomini
or run.3PL the.PL.MASC boy.PL or the.PL.MASC man.PL
‘The boys or the men run.’

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with “and”

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases, person seems to be resolved according to the hierarchy 1 > 2 > 3. (Note: number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (7) a. tu e io corriamo.
you and I run.1PL
‘You and I run.’
b. Io e tu corriamo.
I and you run.1PL
‘I and you run.’
- (8) a. Noi e loro corriamo.
we and they run.1PL
‘We and they run.’
b. Sia loro che noi corriamo.
they and we run.1PL
‘They and we run.’

3.2 Coordination with “or”

3.2.1 VS order

Pattern: Entire clauses are coordinated.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (9) a. O corri tu o corro io
or run.2SG you or run.1SG I
‘You or I run.’
b. O corro io o corri tu
or run.1SG I or run.2SG you
‘I or you run.’
- (10) a. O corriamo noi o corrano loro
or run.1PL we or run.3PL they

- ‘We or they run.’
- b. O corrono loro o corriamo. noi
or run.3PL they or run.1PL we
‘They or we run.’